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THE FABULOUS F.F. ACTUALLY INVADE ANOTHER GALAXY!
"BEHOLD! A DISTANT STAR!"
WITH THE WEDDING OF REED RICHARDS AND SUE STORM NOT FAR AWAY, THE WORLD'S MOST COLORFUL QUARTET FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO CONCENTRATE ON ANYTHING ELSE! AND YET, THERE IS STILL WORK TO BE DONE AT F.F. HEADQUARTERS! AS OUR MIND-STAGGERING TALE BEGINS, WE FIND BEN AND JOHNNY TRYING ON THEIR WEDDING TOGS, WHEN SUDDENLY, UNEXPECTEDLY, THE TEEN-AGER BURSTS INTO FLAME--!
STAND BACK!! I'M FLAMING ON--CAN'T STOP MYSELF!
BEN! JOHNNY! I'VE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU! I-- JOHNNY! WHAT HAPPENED??!
SOME KIDS'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET OUTA WEARIN' A MONKEY SUIT!! --AND I DON'T BLAME 'EM!
IT MUST BE MY NEW POWER-RAY! I SHOULD HAVE TURNED IT OFF BEFORE ENTERING!
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SORRY, JOHNNY! I'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT BEFORE THE WEDDING, THAT I'M AFRAID I'VE GROWN CARELESS!
JUST COUGH UP THE DOUGH FOR A NEW TUX, BOSSMAN, AND IT'LL BE OKAY! AND MEBBE THE NEXT ONE OUGHTA BE ASBESTOS!
WHAT IN BLAZES IS THAT CORNY-LOOKIN' GIZMO, ANYWAY?
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, IT'S A VARIATION OF A POWER AMPLIFIER! IT DRAWS ENERGY FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE FROM SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE CONFINES OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, AND CONVERTS IT INTO RAW, USABLE POWER!
THANKS A HEAP FOR PUTTIN' IT SIMPLY! NOW, HOW ABOUT SAYIN' IT IN ENGLISH?
HI, ALICIA BABY! COULDN'T STAY AWAY FROM YOUR DREAMBOAT BEN ANOTHER MINUTE, HUH?
IS REED HERE, BEN? I THINK HE SHOULD GO IN TO SUE! SHE SEEMS TO BE UPSET ABOUT SOME-THING!
SUE, UPSET? I'LL BE RIGHT THERE, ALICIA!
SUE, DARLING! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU, BUT PERHAPS THESE FLOWERS I TOOK FROM THE VASE INSIDE WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?
I'M AFRAID IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN SOME FLOWERS, REED DEAREST...!
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU THIS WAY BEFORE! TELL ME, SUSAN--- WHAT IS IT? HAVE I DONE SOMETHING--?
OH, NO, REED-- I JUST WISH IT WERE SOME-THING THAT SIMPLE!
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IT'S MY FATHER! I SIMPLY CAN'T RECONSILE MYSELF TO THE IDEA OF HIS MURDER GOING UNPUNISHED!
BUT, SUE! HE WAS KILLED BY THE SKRULLS! HIS DEATH WAS PLANNED ON A PLANET COUNTLESS LIGHT YEARS FROM HERE!
AND HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE US --TO SAVE ALL OF EARTH! ISN'T THAT COMFORT ENOUGH FOR YOU?
NO! FOR, SO LONG AS THE SKRULL MENACE REMAINS, THEY MIGHT INFECT THE REST OF THE STARS AT ANY TIME! WHO KNOWS WHEN THEY'LL STRIKE AGAIN?!!
EVEN AS THE TWO LOVERS SPEAK, A SKRULL SPACE YACHT CRUISES THRU THE EVENING SKY IN A FAR DISTANT GALAXY...!
MY LORD, MORRAT --IS IT NOT TIME WE RETURNED TO OUR HOME PLANET?
NOT YET, MY LOVELY PRINCESS! NOT WHILE THIS ANGER STILL RAGES IN MY HEART!
BUT, MORRAT! YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU! WHY SHOULD YOUR HEART BE SO FILLED WITH RAGE??
IT IS YOUR FATHER, THE KING! HE STILL REFUSES TO CONSENT TO OUR MARRIAGE!
HE STILL DISTRUSTS ME! ME--HIS GREATEST, HIS MOST POWERFUL WARLORD!
WAS IT NOT I WHO ARRANGED FOR THAT EARTHLING TO DIE WHEN HE RETURNED TO HIS HOME PLANET?? DID I NOT DO IT FOR THE GLORY OF THE SKRULL EMPIRE?!*
BUT IT WAS A CRUEL-- A HEARTLESS DEED! OH, WHY DO I LOVE YOU SO??
*AS SEEN IN F.F. #32 "DEATH OF A HERO!" --STAN.
MORRAT!! NO! PLEASE--- DO NOT SHOOT THAT HARMLESS GAME! THE NATIVES OF THIS PRIMITIVE PLANET USE THEM AS BEASTS OF BURDEN!
SILENCE, ANELLE! YOU ARE NOT YET MY WIFE!
NONE CAN TELL WARLORD MORRAT WHERE TO HUNT, OR WHAT TO HUNT! I DO WHAT PLEASES ME! AND, IT PLEASES ME TO REVEL IN MY POWER!
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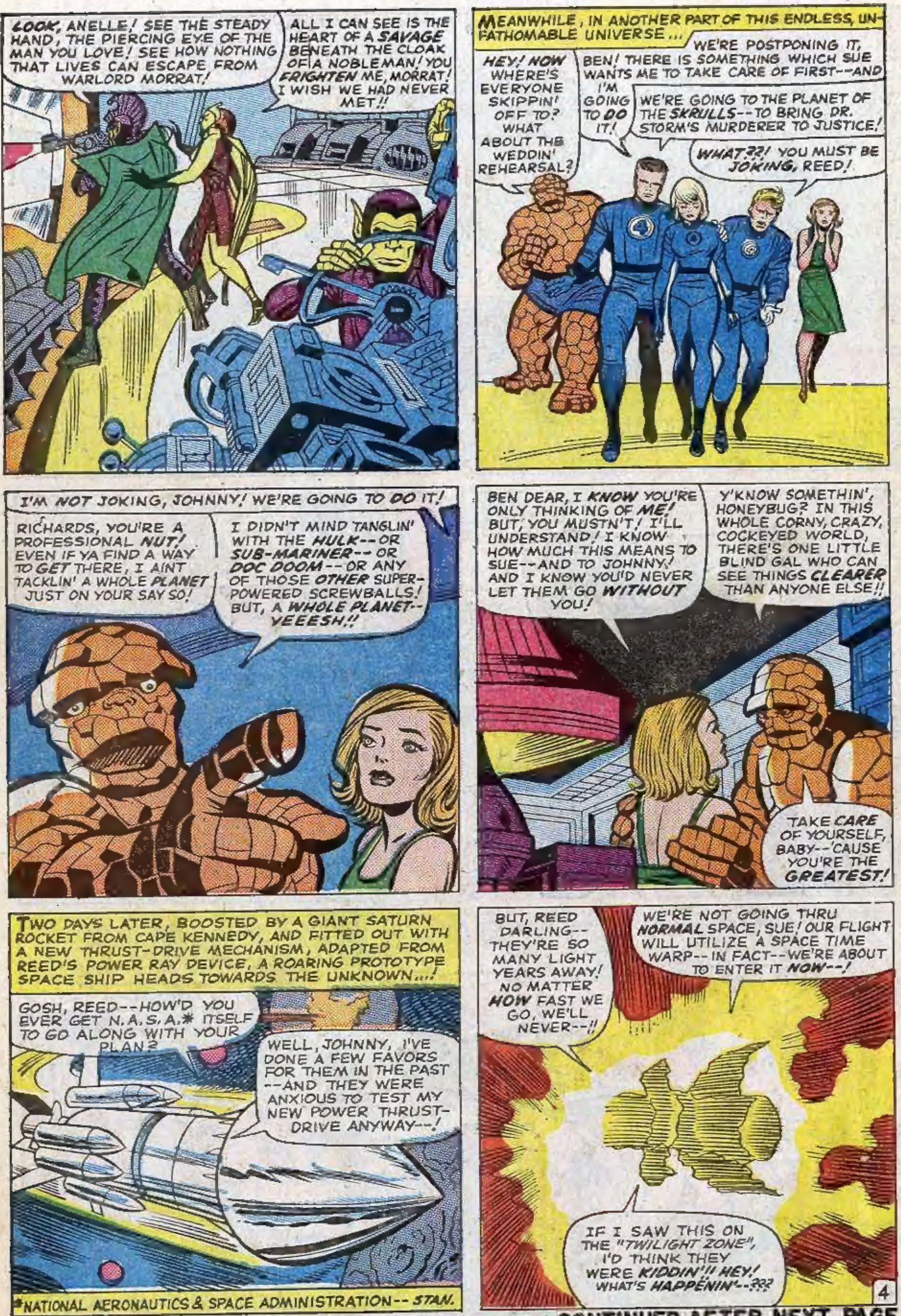

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BIG AND SMALL, YOU'VE SEEN THEM ALL! BUT YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A SUPER-SENSATIONAL IDOL-TO-BE LIKE THE MIGHTY, THE MAJESTIC, THE MAGNIFICENT KA-ZAR, AS ONLY STAN AND JACK CAN PRESENT HIM!
WHEN MIGHTY MARVEL CREATES A BRAND NEW WHIZ-DOOZY OF A CHARACTER, WE DON'T KID AROUND!
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INTRODUCING: KA-ZAR, LORD OF THE JUNGLE!
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NOBODY SPEAK!! IF I MAKE THE SLIGHTEST ERROR IN MY COMPUTATIONS, WE COULD BE LOST FOREVER IN THE ENDLESS ABYSS OF SUB-SPACE!
NOW HE TELLS US!
AND, AS THE LONG, TORTUOUS, INCREDIBLE FLIGHT CONTINUES THRU THE MYSTERIOUS SPACE TIME WARP, NOT A SOUND IS HEARD SAVE THE MUFFLED TICKING OF THE SHIP'S CLOCK, UNTIL--
HANG ON!! THE NEXT FEW SECONDS WILL TELL THE STORY! WE'RE READY TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN GALAXIES!
HERE WE GO!!
BUT, IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE ANYTHING! YA CAN HAVE MORE FUN ON A ROLLER COASTER AT CONEY ISLAND!
IF IT'S FUN YOU WANT, BIG BUDDY, YOU SHOULDA STAYED HOME AND WATCHED CAPTAIN KANGAROO!
LOOK, HALF-PINT! ANOTHER DUMB CRACK LIKE THAT, AND I'LL--
HOLD IT, BEN! I WANT TO EXPLAIN THIS TO YOU--!
REMEMBER EINSTEIN'S THEORY --THAT THE UNIVERSE IS LIKE A BALL? WE'RE IN SUB-SPACE NOW --INSIDE THAT "BALL"-- READY TO BREAK OUT INTO THE SKRULL GALAXY!
SKRULL GALAXY
SUB SPACE
EARTH
BOY! GIVE YOU A PIECE OF CHALK, AN' A BLACKBOARD, AND THERE'S NO STOPPIN' YA!
BEN, YOU OLD PHONY, AS AN EX-TEST PILOT, YOU PROBABLY KNOW MORE ABOUT ALL THIS THAN ANY OF US DO!
LOOK! IT'S GETTIN' LIGHTER! WE'RE BUSTIN' OUT NOW!!
WE MADE IT!! WE'RE IN NORMAL SPACE AGAIN! RIGHT ON TARGET!
AND NOW FOR THE SKRULLS!
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A PERSONAL NOTE: FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MIGHT CLAIM OUR TALE IS TOO FAR-FETCHED, WE OFFER IN EVIDENCE THIS PHOTO, TAKEN BY REMOTE CONTROL VIA A SPECIAL CAMERA, EJECTED FROM THE SHIP AT THAT PRECISE MICROSECOND! UNFORTUNATELY, THE QUALITY OF THE PICTURE IS A TRIFLE HAZY, DUE TO THE FACT THAT NO FILM MADE ON EARTH IS SPECIFICALLY INTENDED FOR USE IN THE MURKY SKRULL ATMOSPHERE!
FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS! ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THE PLANET WE WANT IS DIRECTLY AHEAD!
CHEEE! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE THE SAME GUY WHO GOT LOST WALKIN' TO THE A.& P. LAST WEEK!

MINUTES LATER, THE MIGHTY SHIP MAKES A SMOOTH, UNEVENTFUL LANDING, AND THEN--
REED--LOOK! AHEAD OF US! ARE THEY--SKRULLS?
NO, DEAR! THEY JUST SEEM TO BE A HARMLESS HUMANOID FORM OF FAUNA!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE A LOT MORE SCARED OF US THAN WE ARE OF THEM!
ONE OF 'EM LOOKS LIKE MY DEAR OL' AUNT PETUNIA-- WEARIN' A BEATLE WIG!
BUT THEN, SUDDENLY--
SUE! YOUR FORCE FIELD-- QUICKLY!! WE'RE BEING ATTACKED!!
WOW! JUST IN TIME!
BUT THEN..
WHAT HAPPENED, DARLING?
I DON'T KNOW! IT -IT FADED AWAY... AFTER JUST A FEW SECONDS!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, K DDIES. THERE'S NOTHIN' THEY CAN THROW AT US THAT A LITTLE BIT OF MUSCLE WON'T TAKE CARE OF! MY MUSCLE, THAT
WHILE YOU'RE FLEXING, BIG MOUTH, I'LL START FLYING! HERE THEY COME!
FLAME ON!
OUR EARTHLING ENEMIES!! DESTROY THEM!!
SO! YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE, HUH? WELL, IT WON'T DO YOU ANY G---UNHH!
I DON'T GET IT! MY FLAME WENT OUT!! AFTER ONLY A FEW SECONDS!! BUT HOW??
QUICK! USE YOUR FREEZE-RAY ON HIM!
HEY, BEN! STOP PICKIN' DAISIES AND COME A'RUNNIN'!! I CAN'T FLAME ON AGAIN!
I HEAR YA TALKIN', BUDDY BOY! HOW'S ABOUT TRYIN' THAT POP GUN ON ME, CREEP!??

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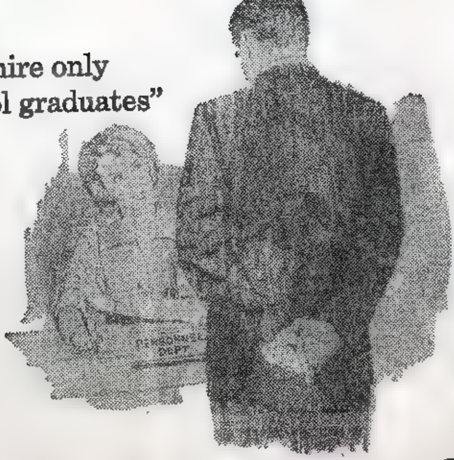

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BY THE TIME THE SKRULLS' IMMOBILIZER RAY HAS WORN OFF, THE CAPTURED QUARTET FIND THEMSELVES IN A STRANGE, UNEARTHLY PRISON--!
WHY CAN'T WE EVER WIN AN EASY VICTORY? HOW COME WE ALWAYS HAVE TO DO IT THE HARD WAY?
WHAT MAKES YA THINK WE'RE GONNA WIN THIS ONE, JUNIOR? WITHOUT OUR POWER, WE COULDN'T FIGHT OUR WAY THRU YANCY STREET!
WE'VE GOT TO TEST OURSELVES, RIGHT AWAY--AND SEE JUST HOW MUCH POWER WE'VE LOST!
OH, REED!! IF WE'RE HELPLESS ON AN ALIEN PLANET--!
IT'S NO USE!! ALL I CAN MUSTER UP IS THE POWER OF A COUPLE OF SOGGY MATCHSTICKS!
BUT HOW CAN A LIVIN' DOLL LIKE ME LOSE HIS STRENGTH? MEBBE I WAS JUST IMAGININ' THINGS! I'LL GIVE 'ER THE OL' WHAMMO AND MAKE SURE--!
WHAP!
DIDJA HEAR THAT?!? NOTHIN' BUT A PUNY WHAP!! ME-- WHO USEDTA NEVER GET ANYTHING LESS THAN A BAR-OOOM, OR AT LEAST A KA-POWW!
YOU JUST BARELY CHIPPED THE WALL, BEN! YOU ARE WEAKER, OLD FRIEND!
THE ONE THING I DIDN'T EXPECT-- SOMETHING IN THE SKRULL ATMOSPHERE HAS DESTROYED OUR POWERS!!
LOOK! WE'RE BEING WATCHED! IT'S ONE OF THE SKRULLS!
JUDGING BY HIS INSIGNIA, HE'S A HIGH-RANKING OFFICER OF SOME SORT!
HE SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO MAKE UP HIS MIND WHAT TO DO WITH US!
MORRAT! IF YOU'VE CAPTURED FOUR EARTHLINGS, YOU MUST TELL MY FATHER! THE KING MUST KNOW ABOUT IT!
OF COURSE, MY BELOVED ANELLE! I HAVE NO SECRETS FROM OUR NOBLE SOVEREIGN!
SLAM!

OH, MORRAT--EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE WON MY HEART, MY HEAD TELLS ME NOT TO TRUST YOU! IF ONLY YOU WERE NOT SO RUTHLESS--SO AMBITIOUS--!
FOOLISH CHILD! ALL I DESIRE IS TO SERVE MY KING--AND MY PRINCESS!
NOW GO, MY LOVELY ONE! FOR I HAVE MAN'S WORK TO DO!-AND HAVE NO FEAR!
VERY WELL, MORRAT--I SHALL DO AS YOU SAY! BUT REMEMBER--YOU MUST DELIVER THE EARTHLINGS TO MY FATHER AT ONCE!
SHE'S GONE!! TO ME, MY LOYAL WARRIORS!! THE TIME IS COME FOR ACTION!
FATE HAS GIVEN ME THE MEANS TO OVERTHROW OUR WEAKLING KING! SOON, THE CROWN SHALL BE MINE!
WHEREVER YOU LEAD, WE SHALL FOLLOW, NOBLE MORRAT! TELL US YOUR PLAN!
WE MUST SLAY THE FANTASTIC FOUR! THEN, THE ENTIRE KINGDOM MUST LEARN THAT THEY DIED AT MY HANDS!
I SHALL BE ACCLAIMED AS THE GALAXY'S GREATEST HERO! THREE TIMES BEFORE, THE EARTHLINGS HAVE FOILED OUR PLANS!* NOW, IT TAKES MORRAT TO DESTROY THEM!
* F.F #'S 2, 18, AND 32--STAN.
AND SO, AS THE WICKED SKRULL AND HIS HENCHMEN APPROACH THE CELL...
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO GET MY EVER-LOVIN' STRENGTH BACK! MEBBE IF I CHOMPED ON SOME VITAMIN PILLS--!
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A FEW PILLS TO GET US OUT OF THIS ONE BEN!
IT'S ALL MY FAULT! IF ONLY I HADN'T INSISTED! WHAT HAVE I DONE TO US ALL??
DON'T BLAME YOURSELF DARLING WE KNEW THE RISKS!
DORRIE WON'T HAVETA WORRY ABOUT ME SHOUTIN' FLAME ON ANY MORE!
SUDDENLY...
LOOK! THE DOOR IS SLIDING OPEN!
HOT ZIG!! LET'S GET OUTA HERE!
HOLD ON, BEN! IT COULD BE A TRAP!

NUTS! EVEN A TRAP'S BETTER THAN JUST SITTIN' AROUND WAITIN' FOR OLD AGE TO POLISH US OFF! GANGWAY!!
STOP HIM, JOHNNY! HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING!
NO NEED FOR ALARM, EARTHLING! WE SHALL STOP HIM!
MAN! WE'LL STOP ALL OF THEM!
THE RANGE IS SET! AT MY COMMAND-- FIRE!
BUT, DESPERATELY, REED HURLS HIMSELF INTO THE FORE--
STOP! DON'T SQUEEZE THOSE TRIGGERS!! I HAVE SOMETHING TO TRADE -- IN RETURN FOR OUR LIVES!
SPEAK! AND SPEAK FAST!
YOU KNOW WHO I AM! MY SCIENTIFIC KNOW-HOW HAS DEFEATED YOU IN THE PAST! BUT NOW--I OFFER YOU--THE WORLD!!
SPARE OUR LIVES, AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO GET UN-LIMITED POWER!!
REED! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?? YOU CAN'T!! YOU MUSTN'T!!
YOUR PROPOSITION INTRIGUES ME, EARTHLING! WE SHALL HOLD OUR FIRE WHILE YOU CONTINUE TALKING!
NOW, PROCEED! YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN TRUST US!
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AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE IMPERIAL SKRULL PALACE, WE FIND...
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, MY DAUGHTER? I SAW YOU NOT THIS ENTIRE DAY!
I--SPENT THE DAY WITH WAR-LORD MORRAT, MOST NOBLE FATHER! MY HEART WISHES YOU WOULD LOOK WITH FAVOR UPON HIM!
NEVER! I DO NOT TRUST HIM! HE HAS THE LOOK OF A MAN WHO LONGS TO WEAR MY CROWN! BUT, BY THE GALAXY, IT SHALL NEVER BE HIS!!
I MUST CHANGE THE SUBJECT QUICKLY, BEFORE FATHER FLIES INTO AN UNCONTROL-LABLE RAGE!
WHAT THINK YOU OF THE CAPTURE OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR, FATHER?? HOW DO YOU PLAN TO DEAL WITH YOUR EARTHLY PRISONERS?
WHAT IS THIS YOU SAY??? THE FANTASTIC FOUR -- HERE? CAPTURED?? BY WHOM?? WHY WAS I NOT TOLD??
IT WAS MORRAT!! HE--HE PROMISED TO INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY!!
HE HAS TOLD ME NOTHING! BY MY SCEPTER, THIS SMACKS OF HIGH TREASON!!
COME! WE MUST FIND HIM AT ONCE! HE HAS GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME! NOW HE SHALL FEEL MY ROYAL WRATH!
OH, MORRAT-- MY BELOVED! WHAT HAVE I DONE TO YOU BY SPEAKING THUS RASHLY?!!
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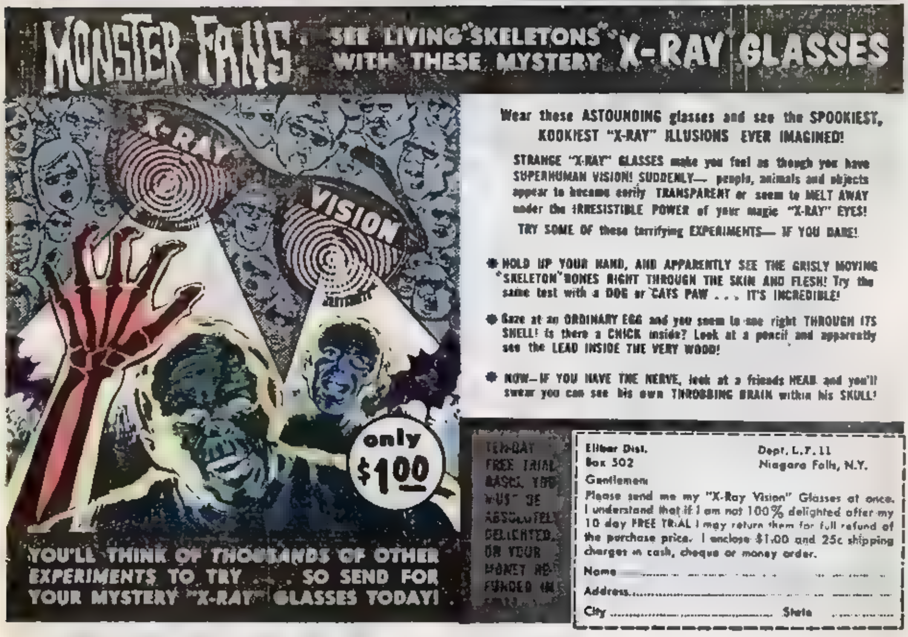

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NO! NO! YOU CAN'T!! YOU SAID YOU'D SPARE US! YOU PROMISED--!!
REED-- WE TRUSTED YOU-- AND YOU FAILED US--!
THE FOOL REMINDS US OF MY PROMISE! SHOW HIM WHAT A PROMISE MEANS TO WARLORD MORRAT!!
I DO AS YOU COMMAND, WARLORD! BUT--WHY DOES HE NOT PERISH?? AND-- WHY DO THE OTHERS STILL LIVE??
BECAUSE IT IS YOU WHO ARE THE FOOLS!! WE NEEDED THAT RAY TO RESTORE OUR POWER!!
WOWEEE! WE SHOULDA KNOWN! OL' REED DID IT AGAIN! HE OUT-SMARTED 'EM!
AWWW-- I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME!
REED IS STRETCHING! JOHNNY IS FLAMING AGAIN! AND--I CAN TURN INVISIBLE NOW, TOO!
I HATE TO BE AN INDIAN-GIVER, BOYS-- BUT I'M TAKING THIS BACK NOW!
IF YOU WANT ONE, YOU'LL HAVE TO BUY YOUR OWN LITTLE ERECTOR SET AND SEE HOW HANDY YOU ARE!!
THWOP!
SHOOT HIM! DESTROY HIM! DESTROY THEM ALL!
IT WILL MEAN YOUR LIVES IF ONE OF THEM ESCAPES!! DEATH TO THE EARTHLINGS!
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THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HIT US, BROTHER, IS WITH SPITBALLS!! THERE ISN'T A WEAPON MADE THAT WE CAN'T HANDLE!!
FLEE!! NOTHING CAN WITHSTAND THE FURY OF HIS FLAMES!!
BAH! I'M STILL WARLORD HERE! MY REMOTE-CONTROLLED ISO-M SSLES WILL DEMOLISH ANYTHING THAT LIVES!!
NOT IF I DO A LITTLE DEMOLISHIN' ON MY OWN WHILE THEY'RE PASSIN' BY, BUTTERCUP!!
WHOOM!
NICE GOIN', BIG BUDDY! BUT I'LL FINISH OFF THE SECOND ONE!
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GIVE ME THAT WEAPON! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO BLAST THE ACCURSED EARTHLINGS!
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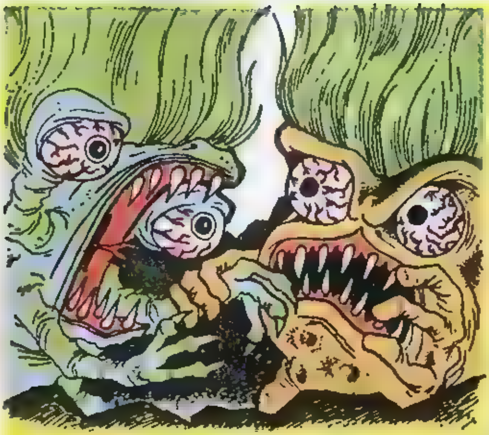

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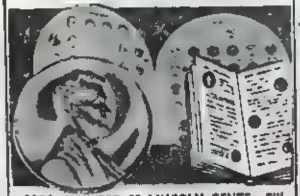

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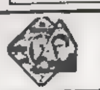

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STAND FAST! FOLLOW MY LEAD!
YOUR MAJESTY, I PRESENT YOU WITH THESE ALIEN PRISONERS WHOM I HAVE CAPTURED! GUARDS! SECURE THE CAPTIVES!
YOU LIE, AS ALWAYS, MORRAT! HAD MY PERSONAL GUARD NOT APPEARED, YOU AND YOUR MEN WOULD HAVE BEEN DEFEATED! AND YOU NEVER INTENDED TO BRING THE ALIENS TO ME!
FATHER! HE IS YOUR OWN WAR-LORD! HOW CAN YOU--?
SILENCE, ANELLE!
HE IS WARLORD NO LONGER! STRIP HIM OF HIS INSIGNIA! PUT HIM IN CHAINS! I BRAND MORRAT AS A TRAITOR TO THE REALM!
SO! YOU DARE TO FORCE A SHOWDOWN! VERY WELL!! WE SHALL SEE WHICH OF US IS THE STRONGER! DEATH TO THE KING!!
NO! THE ODDS ARE HOPELESS! WE WILL NOT FIGHT!
THUS, DESERTED BY HIS OWN FOLLOWERS, MORRAT FACES THE ONLY FATE A TRAITOR CAN EXPECT...!
NO! DON'T FIRE!! YOU MUSTN'T--!! I LOVE HIM! I LOVE HIM!!
ANELLE! COME BACK!!
SHE RAN INTO THE LINE OF FIRE--BEFORE I COULD STOP MY MEN!! ANELLE--MY CHILD!! WHAT HAVE I DONE TO YOU!!??
MAY THE GODS FOR-GIVE US!! OUR WEAPONS WERE SET! WE COULD NOT STAY OUR HANDS IN TIME!
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BUT, THOUGH THE DEADLY BLASTS STRIKE THE EVIL MORRAT WITH FATAL EFFECT, THEY SEEM TO MIRACULOUSLY BE DEFLECTED BEFORE THEY CAN STRIKE THE WEEPING PRINCESS WHO IS DIRECTLY IN THE LINE OF FIRE!!
MORRAT!! MORRAT!! OH NO!! NO!
STAY BACK, MY PRINCESS! I HAVE FAILED!! IT IS BETTER THUS!! LIFE CAN HOLD NO--UNNHHHH--!
MY DAUGHTER LIVES!! SHE IS UNSCATHED!! IT IS A MIRACLE!
NOT QUITE, YOUR MAJESTY!
YOU HAVE THIS GIRL TO THANK FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S LIFE! ANELLE WAS SAVED BY HER INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD!
WHAT?? I MUST BE GRATEFUL TO AN EARTHLING?!!
THOUGH THE VERY SIGHT OF YOU IS REPUGNANT TO MY EYES, YOU MAY ASK ANY BOON OF ME! YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT!
THERE IS BUT ONE BOON YOU CAN GRANT! GIVE US THE SKRULL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THE PRISONER YOU RETURNED TO EARTH MANY MONTHS AGO!
FOR, THE VICTIM OF THAT INFAMOUS DEED WAS THIS GIRL'S FATHER!
THEN, I AM DOUBLY PLEASED AT THIS TURN OF EVENTS! THERE! THERE IS THE ONE YOU SEEK!
IT WAS EVIL MORRAT WHO PLANNED THE DECEPTION! MORRAT, THE TRAITOR!
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AND NOW, MY DEBT TO YOU IS PAID! WITH THE SLAYING OF MORRAT, EARTH NEEDS FEAR THE SKRULLS NO LONGER!
IT WAS HE WHO CRAVED TO CONQUER EARTH! TO ME, YOU ARE ALIEN SAVAGES--YOU ARE BENEATH MY IMPERIAL NOTICE! NOW GO--WHILE YOU STILL MAY!
THAT'S THE BEST OFFER I HEARD ALL DAY! THOSE GUYS ARE FOR THE BIRDS!
NOW THAT IT'S OVER--I REALIZE REVENGE ISN'T SO SWEET, AFTER ALL--!
WE DID WHAT HAD TO BE DONE, DARLING! YOU MUST HAVE NO REGRETS!
THE PRINCESS SURE GOT THE SHORT END OF THE STICK! SHE'S CRYIN' HER EYES OUT!
IT'S A DIFFERENT GALAXY--WITH A DIFFERENT RACE OF LIVING BEINGS--AND YET--
IT SEEMS THAT AMBITION, AND HATE, AND LOVE, ARE THE SAME EVERYWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE!
PERHAPS WE'RE NOT REALLY SO DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS--EITHER ON EARTH--OR IN THE ENDLESS VOID OF SPACE!
AND, THE DAY ALL OF MANKIND REALIZES THAT LESSON--WE SHALL COME A STEP CLOSER TO BROTHERHOOD--AND UNIVERSAL PEACE!
MEANWHILE, A TENSE VIGIL CONTINUES ATOP THE BAXTER BUILDING...
SURELY THEY COULD NOT HAVE FORGOTTEN THE WEDDING REHEARSAL, MY DEAR!
THEY'LL BE HERE, REVEREND! SOMEHOW, SOME WAY, MY HEART TELLS ME--THEY'LL BE HERE!
LISTEN! THAT DISTANT SOUND! LIKE A MIGHTY ROCKET--ROARING OVERHEAD--HEADING EASTWARD TOWARDS THE SEA!
A ROCKET? I WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY LAUNCHINGS PLANNED FOR THIS TIME!
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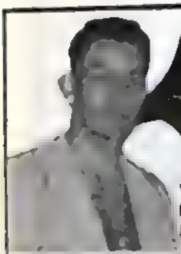

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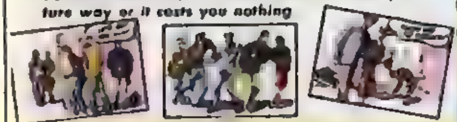

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"I WEIGH ONLY 98 LBS. — YET I CAN PARALYZE A 200 POUND ATTACKER WITH JUST A FINGER —BECAUSE I KNOW YUBIWAZA!"

says Yoshie Imanami — Pretty Japanese wife of N.J. Fleming — Yubiwaza Master

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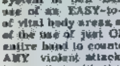

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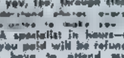

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We'd love to have you, Diosdado. And, please convey our best wishes to your father, President Macapagal of the Philippine Republic, one of America's staunchest friends.

Dear Stan and Jack:
One of the things that I really admire, and would like to shake your hand about, is your kindness. You're not afraid to give out a free comic here and there or a free subscription to someone deserving. You're all heart, guys! I've got a question to ask you: why does the month under the number of the comic always appear three months ahead of time? This is a question that has bugged me since the beginning of my comic reading days.

Mike Haendiges, 13201 Crowley St.
Arleta, Calif. 91332

Wanna know something? It's bugged us, too! No one seems to know how the practice started, but it's been going on for more than twenty years here—and our business department feels it would cause too much confusion to start changing the dates now. So, just chalk it up as another typical Marvel mixup!

Dear Stan and Jack:
I just wanted to let you know that F.F. #33—"Side-by-Side with Sub-Mariner"—was the best F.F. tale I've read yet. It was really tremendous. I couldn't find a single point in the whole story where you could have handled the characters better, and believe me, this is really great! But I do have to give fair justice to your "Death of a Hero"—F.F. #32. As far as drama and sheer force of tragedy go, this was unsurpassable. It shall forever remain a monument to Marvel Comics. How you come up with such ideas, Stan, is more than I can understand, but don't let that bother you. Your writing is as good as the Greek, Roman, and modern classics, as well as the absolute tops in the field of science fiction. I want to commend you for all the fine enjoyment you've given me. Thanks for the best!

Kraisden Wilde, 4896 S. Dorey Dr.
Bay City, Mich.

Oh boy! If we could only get you planted on the Nobel awards committee, K.W.!

Dear Stan and Jack:
In the States I was never one to write fan mail to a comic book, but times have changed and so has my residence. I have been in Peru for nearly two years and I have begun to appreciate what touch of home I can find. Your mags are like a hundred memories roped into one for me. You are to be congratulated for your fine work. When I first came down here I never saw any of your super-hero stories till they came out in Spanish, but now I'm an avid fan. I am somewhat of an amateur artist myself so your artwork is of great interest to me. Your mags are not degrading nor childish and I do hope they continue with their high moral standard. Your characters seem to be taken from life and aren't pictured as emotionless caricatures of humans, but rather like us in many respects. Thanks a lot for your great work and high quality.

Ed Noonchester, Huracocha 1505
Jesus Maria, Lima, Peru

And thank you, Ed, for your flattering comments and high standards.

Dear Stan and Jack:
Speaking of F. F. #33, you guys sure know a good thing when you see one. The idea of the photo-drawing that you innovated several issues ago was carried to the highest degree on the cover of this ish. My congratulations to you! The tale itself contained all the action and suspense that I buy your magazine to see, and when I had finished, I felt that my twelve cents had not been wasted, but rather that I had received a bargain. A fan wrote to the X-MEN's letter column expressing his opinion that humor is used to too great an extent in your magazines. I couldn't disagree more. Stan has great wit, and to waste it would be a crime. Your humor puts a proverbial dent in the dead-serious standard of comicdom. It's your departure from this and other customs that makes you standouts in the field. Also, about this pinup business—I, for one, am not one to wallpaper my room with pictures of a lot of super-heroes. Now don't get me wrong, these pinups are fine examples of your artistic abilities, but I'd just as soon read an extra page of story. Say, will you clarify one thing? Does your policy of reading each and every letter you receive still hold? With your new letters pages you must get a huge amount of mail, and I wondered if you could possibly read it all. In the coming months just remember that all your work is greatly appreciated.

Keith McWalter, 2674 Lindenwood Dr.
Bridgeville, Pa. 15017

Thanks, Keith. Yep, we still read every scrap of mail—and enjoy it all as much as ever. (Stan's eye doctor enjoys it, too. Ol' Smiley is becoming a regular patient!)

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now:

SPIDER-MAN #23: This one's a rare treat! Stan and Steve have combined the super-villainy of the exciting Green Goblin with the down-to-earth menace of a deadly gang of criminals, to give Spidey one of his toughest battles yet!

AVENGERS #14: Another off-beat sensation for the world's mightiest costumed heroes! This one takes them to the farthest reaches of earth, pitting them against a menace like none they have ever fought before! You'll love it!

X-MEN #10: Possibly the greatest X-MEN saga of all time, introducing a fabulous character who will take your breath away! This one is so terrific that it'll make you realize why we simply can't produce an issue faster than every two months!

THOR #114: The mighty Thunder God finally battles a foe who is every bit as powerful as Thor himself! In fact, in some ways, our newest villain actually has the advantage! This one's a shocker!

STRANGE TALES #131: See why all of comicdom is talking about Bob Powell's takeover of the Torch/Thing strip. This talented whiz really makes them live! And Doctor Strange is still on the run! Two action-packed thrillers!

SUSPENSE #64: Wait till you see the new Black Widow, a new super-power and a captivating costume! Then, add the ever-popular Hawkeye, and put them both against the dramatic Iron Man! You'll also see Captain America and Bucky battling two menaces from the past! What more can we say!

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Dear Stan and Jack,
F.F. #33 was great as are all Marvel mags, but, unless my eyes deceive me, your pinup of Sub-Mariner has two right feet and no left. If my memory isn't failing me, Jack made the same mistake several times on some other

costumed heroes he drew some twenty years ago. By the way, is Jack right or left-handed? (And please don't say "yes")? Also your titles somehow seem to change from the cover of your mags to the inside front page. You should be a little more consistent. Anyhow, I must say that even your mistakes are Marvel-ous!

Dave Smith, 1216½ N. Hoover St.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90029

Gosh, Davey, any mag can give you pin ups with a left foot and a right foot! *We* try to give you something extra, and look at the thanks we get! So, you don't want us to answer "yes" to your question, huh? Okay then—"No!" Howzat? But, before you get mad, we'll tell you that Jack is right-handed, Stan is left-handed, and how do you know that Namor *hasn't* got two right feet?

Dear Stan and Jack,

In F.F. #33 you asked us what we thought about Reed and Sue getting married. I think it would be great—not only would it be something other mags never dared try, but it would also make things more realistic. By the way, I enjoyed Stan's MONSTERS TO LAUGH WITH very much, and was wondering if there is going to be a #3. Thanks for everything! Kevin Hunt, 6122 East 20th St.
Tucson, Ariz.

M.T.L.W. #3 is at the printers right now! It'll be on sale any day—but you'll have to watch closely—it's getting the rep of being the hardest-to-find mag in the nation!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

—Lots of readers are saying that Sue and Reed will never get married! They're claiming that we're just dangling a wedding to keep you in suspense! Well, we admit we like to keep you Marvel madmen guessing, but as you know, we also believe in levelling with our readers. And so, we'll tell you here and now that Mr. Fantastic and The Invisible Girl definitely *WILL* be married within a year! and you know us. That means it'll happen! It won't be a dream, or an imaginary tale, or any of that jazz! The only thing we can't yet tell you is exactly *when* it will happen, because we're not sure ourselves! But, remember—within a year, there'll be wedding bells for Stretcho and his sweetie, and we promise that it'll be one of the greatest issues you've ever thrilled to!

—By the way, do us a favor—and yourself, as well—and don't miss X-MEN #10 which is now on sale. Stan and Jack have introduced a new character in that ish which we believe will cause a real sensation among frantic fans everywhere. So, if you want to get in on the ground floor of what may be a new trend in super-heroes, invest a dime and two pennies and see if we're right!

—In another few months, after the M.M.M.S. has reached its full membership, we'll have some new announcements to make about it. But, till then, if you haven't already done so, there's still time to send your coupon and become a charter member of the most off-beat fan club of all time! (One of these days we'll have to award ourselves a special no-prize for sheer modesty!)

Dear Stan and Jack:

I was deeply shocked recently by certain letters which appeared in an edition of FANTASTIC FOUR. These were the letters which condemned the Communist doctrine as being dangerous. One of these letters even suggested that your magazine should continue to make slanderous allegations against the Communists. To this I must object most strongly. Your magazines are intended to be used for entertainment, not political indoctrination. I would point out that by using your magazines for propaganda, you are constantly provoking the Socialist nations to take action. This action would end with total destruction of this planet. As a member of a left-wing organization, I can state categorically that we have no ill will towards America and only wish that this was a mutual feeling.

George Carter, 53 Vale St.
Ettingshall, Wolverhampton, England

George, if you want to be a member of a left-wing organization in England, that's your business. We won't take the time to answer your remarks now, as we're sure that many of our loyal, democratic British fans can, and will, answer you far more sagely than we.

Dear Stan and Jack:

I have only two things "against" Marvel, and it's these things that keep me from being a *really* avid collector of your line. These two things are: your horrid grammar, and the obnoxious use of Communism in your magazines. Starting where it's logical, with the former, I just get rather ill over your treatment of English. No doubt Mr. Lee (why *not* be formal, after all . . .) has quite an amount of grey amoebas crawling around in his cranium (that means brain, in case) and he probably *talks* like a sensible human being, but why in the world do you have to use such absolutely *atrocious* grammar when talking to us, the comicular public? It is bad enough with the characters, but *they* have an excuse . . . they are just bits of paper and print. But *you* are an influence over us, the comicular, etc., Stan. You are generally recognized as being "one of the gang." That, I guess, you are. But I don't think you should continually shorten or lengthen the names of those lucky enough to have a letter printed. For instance: "Anyway, Jackie boy" for Jack, "Stevie" *twice* in the new *X-Men* for Steve: "Jer" for Jerry.

Guy H. Lillian, III, 22 Battery St.
San Francisco, Calif.

You don't have to worry, Guy. We can't think of any other way to "informalize" the name Guy. Anyway, for a cat who's hepped on good grammar, how about telling us where in the name of Aunt Petunia you dug up the word "comicular"? You know more than the dictionary, because Webster hasn't heard of it yet!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I have made my point! For many years now, I have been a fan of yours and of comics in general, and have had no sympathy for my hobby from my fellow students in high school. As a matter of fact, they have laughed in my face whenever I mentioned the subject. Long have I brooded, nursing this cruel injury within my breast, until, one day in our Honors English class, our teacher told us to begin on a research paper, due in six weeks, 1500 words minimum, on some literary topic. Most of my classmates chose such topics as "Melville and the Isolated Hero," "Doestoyevsky and the introduction of the subconscious in Modern Novels" and "The Humor in James M. Barrie's Plays." Did I choose one of these common topics? No! My senior year was rapidly drawing to a close, and if I was to have my revenge, it must be now. So, I asked for and got permission to write on "Stan Lee, and Realism in Modern Comics." At first, I chortled to myself in wild, anticipatory glee. Then, I broke into a cold sweat as I realized that this had better be the best paper I've ever written, or I might very well flunk. So I set to work. I gathered together everything you've written since F.F. #1 and re-read it. I collected your earlier work and read that. Then, I prepared a brief history of comics, worked and strained the whole thing together in six weeks and turned it in. When it was returned to my shaking fingers, lo and behold—there was an A-minus atop the page! (The minus was there because I had hand-written the paper and my penmanship is atrocious, and everyone else had typed theirs. I gave a huge cry of victory and ran all over the school, shoving it in the faces of all my former detractors, laughing like a maniac! Well, now I can sit back and relax, knowing that I have done my part to broaden the horizons of my community. So, until I flunk out of college, I remain, yours readingly. Steve Wilson, 240 High Street
Prescott, Arizona

Congratulations, Stevey! You sure had us worried till we got to the end! In fact, jolly Jack was telling Stan that your letter had more suspense than some of his stories!

—And now, the big news—the Frightful Four return to plague our heroes next ish! But, we've made another of our nutty changes, and ONE of the evil F.F.s will be quite a bit different! We can't tell you any more now, because we don't want to spoil the surprise, but, since we know you're *OUR* kind of reader, we know you'll flip over it! After all—WE did! Now, we'll leave you with the immortal words of Irving Forbush tenderly ringing in our ears—Make Mine Marvel!

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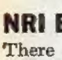

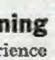

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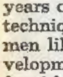

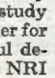

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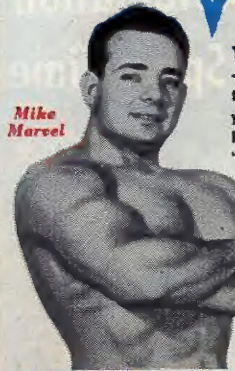

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